

## Sunshine Poll

# Later School Start Favored

First area residents responding to this newspaper's Sunshine Poll, by a margin of nearly 6 to 1, want schools to start later, because of daylight saving time (DST).

Ballots returned by persons living in 17 school districts in southwestern Michigan show 135 favoring a later start and 24 opposed to changing school hours.

Residents of the Benton Harbor district were the most adamant with 31 persons saying "yes" and only 1 opposed to delaying the start of school during remaining months of winter.

Nearly half the ballots opposing a later start came

from the St. Joseph district where 11 persons indicated opposition and 15 favored a change.

The wording of the ballot is: "Should school districts in southwestern Michigan start classes one hour later for the remainder of the winter months as a safety measure for children walking to school in darkness because of daylight saving time?"

One reader voted "yes" but suggested 30 minutes would be more practical instead of an hour.

Residents of the Lakeshore district were for the change, 26 to 3. Next to St. Joseph, Coloma had the next most responses against a change — 4 compared to 7 "yes."

A reader in Berrien Springs commented in voting "no" — "We already start (school) at 9:15."

A St. Joseph reader who wants classes to start later wrote: "It inconveniences those who work, but I feel we have school for the kids."

Other comments on ballots: "Some of these children catch the bus in front of our house and stand in the dark," River Valley.

"Get the state to change the time back where it belongs," a "no" vote from Coloma.

When the name of husband and wife appeared on the same ballot, it was counted as two replies.



**TROUBLES MOUNT:** Former Vice President Spiro Agnew, accompanied by a Secret Service Agent, leaves his Washington office Monday night. Earlier in the day, a three-judge panel in Annapolis recommended that Agnew be disbarred from the practice of law in Maryland. See story on page 8. (AP Wirephoto)

# Austerity Fuel Rules In Effect!

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government began applying today a program of gasoline austerity and fuel oil rationing, including less home heating for the nation.

The new regulations, which took effect one minute before midnight Monday, permit exceptions for hardship cases.

Normally, however, thermostats in homes and other residential buildings must be set six degrees lower than in the same month of 1972, and in other buildings ten degrees lower. Many people have already done this and the regulations will not require a further reduction on their part.

Service stations will get less gasoline than before. Just how much less was uncertain, but an FEO official guessed it might be 15 to 20 per cent less than the public otherwise would use in 1974.

The administration has asked motorists to limit themselves voluntarily to ten gallons of gasoline per week, but so far there is no formal limit to their individual gasoline use.

Airlines will get five per cent less aviation fuel than in 1972 and they have already started reducing flight schedules.

Electric power plants are to get as much residual fuel oil as the FEO says they can have, depending how much there is.

But essential services and military activities will get just about all the petroleum they need, holding top priorities in the new nationwide petroleum allocation system.

In allowing for "hardship" exceptions to their specific limits, the regulations provide plenty of room for deciding what a hardship is — apparently it could include an exceptionally cold house or a business that's hurting from too little fuel.

"Hardship", the regulations say, "means a situation involving or potentially involving substantial discomfort or danger and/or economic dislocation."

In effect, the system rations major petroleum products right down to the final consumer, with one major exception: gasoline.

The Nixon administration has ordered creation of a standby gasoline-rationing system but has not yet decided whether to use it.

As when they were first proposed the final regulations, which took effect just before midnight, were accompanied by a flip-flop of FEO interpretation.

Late Monday, FEO spokesmen said — mistakenly, as it developed — that service stations would be allocated as much gasoline as in 1972.

Still later, however, the agency reversed itself and as-

sistant director John Hill said service stations would get whatever was left after higher-priority bulk purchasers were supplied, just as proposed earlier.

Hill said the flip-flop in explanations made little real difference since most gasoline goes to service stations anyway and the priority demands "off the top" would make little im-

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**SETBACK FOR GYMNAST:** Laurie Gorian, 8-year-old Taylor gymnast, shattered an elbow in a fall while training last summer. The change to Daylight Saving Time makes it impossible for Laurie's mother to get her to the hospital in time for daily therapy her arm needs. She hopes to resume treatments March 1 when her school resumes normal starting times. Here Laurie starts a letter to her idol, gymnastic champion Cathy Rigby who appears in the Detroit area in February and she would like to make an appointment to meet her. (AP Wirephoto)

## 4 To 5 Cents Gallon

# Milk Going Up Again

Consumers face an increase of 4 or 5 cents a gallon of milk across Michigan's lower peninsula in the near future, according to Fay Ewbank, general manager of Producers Creamery, Benton Harbor.

The added expense will be caused by an increase of 30 cents per hundredweight which dairies in the Lower Peninsula began paying Monday, according to Glenn Lake, president of the Michigan Milk Producers association (MMPA).

According to Ewbank, it will be the sixth or seventh increase in the wholesale price of drinking milk since last July. He said the wholesale price has climbed over \$2 per hundredweight in a series of small increases.

"I think each increase is going to be the last one," Ewbank

stated, adding that a similar raise in the price of milk may occur again in February.

The price increases have been established by the Michigan Milk Producers association (MMPA), a dairymen's marketing co-op that has a big majority of dairy farmers in the lower peninsula in its membership.

Lake said the latest increase demanded by his organization brings to \$9.80 per hundredweight the cost which dairies pay for milk used for bottling purposes. Lake declared the increases have been imperative for farmers because of a steady rise in their costs. He also said they are necessary to avoid shortages of milk to consumers, explaining that without returns to meet their higher costs the exodus of farmers out of the dairying business will accelerate.

# Kissinger May Have Agreement At Suez

JERUSALEM (AP) — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger today outlined Egypt's counterproposals for a withdrawal of military forces on the Suez front and said Israeli leaders appeared to find "constructive aspects" in the plan.

Kissinger emerged from a two-hour meeting with Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and said they had "a very warm and I think very useful discussion."

"We learned in very great detail what the Egyptian ideas are," said Eban. He added that the talk had been "very useful, detailed and substantive."

The foreign minister went

from the meeting to Premier Golda Meir's home to tell her about it. Mrs. Meir is confined to her home with an attack of shingles.

The chief point under discussion is what Egypt is willing to do in the way of thinning its forces and arms on the east bank of the Suez Canal in exchange for withdrawal of Israeli troops from the canal.

Kissinger brought the Egyptian counterproposals Monday night from Aswan, where he conferred once more with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. The American said he believed they had "narrowed the differences substantially" and he hoped to narrow them further during his talks with the

Israelis.

Egypt apparently had no objections to Israel's offer to pull its troops back to a line about 20 miles east of the canal. But Kissinger returned to Israel with a map showing the positions the Egyptians insist on holding on the east bank as well as the buffer zone the Egyptians are willing to let the United Nations peacekeeping force man between the two armies. One high-ranking American official with Kissinger said he thought the differences between the Israeli proposal and the Egyptian counterproposal were manageable. The principal disagreement apparently was

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# NAACP Chief Wilkins Ousted?

NEW YORK (AP) — Roy Wilkins has been ousted as executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the New York Daily News said today. But Wilkins and other NAACP officials categorically denied the story.

The newspaper said the 64-member board of directors of the civil rights group took the action Monday in a closed session.

"I haven't the slightest idea where the story came from. It's so contrary to the meeting yesterday and the items that came up," Wilkins said today in a telephone interview.

The paper quoted sources that the ouster move was not aimed specifically at Wilkins, who has

led the organization for 30 years, but that it sought to change the old guard image of the group by enforcing mandatory retirement at 65. Wilkins is 72.

The News said others who would be affected by the ouster effort were its chairman, Bishop Stephen G. Spottswood, 77, and Henry Lee Moon, 72, editor of the official NAACP publication, Crisis Magazine.

Wilkins today "categorically" denied that any ouster move was discussed during the meeting.

"I was there during the entire meeting of the board yesterday. There was no such ouster discussion," Wilkins said.

Wilkins also noted that, although there is a retirement



ROY WILKINS

age of 65, the board is free to make whatever exceptions it desires.

Spottswood, contacted by

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# Distinguished BH Lawyer-Author Cunningham Dies

Wilbur M. Cunningham, 87, retired long-time Benton Harbor attorney, author, nationally recognized amateur archeologist and man of many other achievements in his community, died at 5:20 p.m. Monday at Mercy hospital. His home was at 401 Maple street, Benton Harbor.

Born of a pioneer Benton Harbor area family on Feb. 4, 1886, he devoted a lifetime of energy and talent to the institutions, government and needs of his community. As a hobbyist, he earned national recognition as an amateur archeologist and authority on Indian artifacts indigenous to southwestern Michigan.

His authoritative history of the settlement and development of southwestern Michigan by the white man, titled "Land of Four Flags", went through four editions of publication.

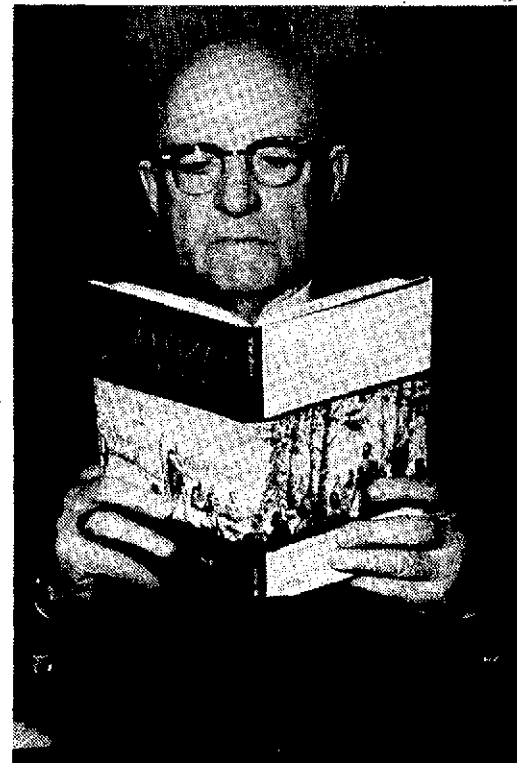
After graduation from Benton Harbor high school, where he was a star football and basket-

ball player, he graduated from the University of Michigan law school in 1912. After one year as director of athletics at Transylvania college at Lexington, Ky., he returned to his home town and opened a law office in 1913. He practiced law some 53 years, retiring in 1966.

He served in the navy in World War I and came out of the service as a lieutenant commander. He coached the football team of the USS Massachusetts to a division championship while in military service in 1917. He served as chairman of the bond drive in Benton Harbor and as a director of the Red Cross during World War II. He was city attorney for the City of Benton Harbor from 1933 to 1937, and in that capacity helped draft the present city charter. He also was a member of an earlier city charter commission in 1921. He was Berrien county prosecutor for four years, and legal counsel for Lake Michigan college several years. He served as president of the Berrien County Bar association.

Mr. Cunningham served on the Benton Harbor board of education for 18 years, most of that time as president. As head of the school board, he played a role in the formation of Benton Harbor Community college, now Lake Michigan college.

His book, "Land of Four Flags", grew out of his long



**LAST CHAPTER:** Atty. W. M. Cunningham, distinguished Benton Harbor author and amateur archeologist, died Monday at age 87. He is shown here in 1961 examining copy of his then newly-published local history, Land of Four Flags. (Staff photo)

## Heath-Labor Talks Fail

LONDON (AP) — Most of Britain's railway engineers struck for 24 hours today, and the coal miners threatened to escalate their slowdown.

Prime Minister Edward Heath came under more pressure from his Conservative party to call a general election.

Some 29,000 locomotive engineers and firemen stayed off the job today because of the refusal of the national rail board to resume negotiations on their demand for pay increases above the ceilings set by Heath's anti-inflation program.

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## Editorial Page

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## Rescuing The Farmland

One environmental problem which to date has drawn little attention from the ecologists but which prays heavily on the minds of those who pay and collect real estate taxes is the nation's shrinking volume in farmland.

Michigan has lost 6 million acres of its crop producing turf to suburban sprawl and highway construction since 1945.

This is a third of its agricultural supply.

Though the developmental pace has slowed from the immediate postwar exodus from city to country, over 34,000 acres annually are converted from crops to lawns, houses and shopping centers.

The Michigan trend is alarming because the transition is concentrated in the southern half of the lower peninsula where the richer soil is situated.

Numerous reasons account for this raid on the breadbasket of Michigan and the other 50 states.

Psychologically, World War II's restraints required for the war effort over stimulated the urge to swap a city apartment for a house and an acre out in Ozone Heights.

The shift from concentrated dwelling to elbow room proportions increased a demand for more land for roads, shopping malls and the other supportive services required to sustain a suburbanized economy.

Farming as a way of life has diminished in popularity over the years. It can not be done on a 40-hour week basis and the money requirements for mechanization are growing beyond the financial capability of the small and medium farmer to follow in his ancestors' footsteps.

Local taxing policies are something of a chicken and the egg contribution to the trend.

A plot of ground which could reasonably be assessed at \$50,000 as a farm is apt to be put down for \$100,000 because, in the eyes of the assessor, the land would be worth more money if chopped up into a subdivision.

The assessor is not entirely at fault in this fictitious evaluating process.

The law says he is supposed to evaluate land as of its best use and the Michigan Tax Commission tells the local official in no uncertain terms it will override any sensible discretion the latter feels should be applied.

Although the legislature has been aware of this artificial taxing plan or certainly should be, it has taken no steps to rectify this one phase of the declining farmland picture.

Over the weekend, Harry De Maso, a Battle Creek Republican who is chairman of the Michigan Senate's taxation committee, unveiled an idea to even up the tax score.

Our \$50,000 to \$100,000 farm described above would be held to the lower limit if the owner would grant the state a minimum 10-year easement for developmental rights. He could renew the contract indefinitely

and if he dropped out of the soil bank, he would pay a moderate penalty.

DeMaso, who is a maverick in the political realm, is opposed by Governor Milliken who is anxious to create his own image as a tax cutter. Milliken favors a rebate plan free from the easement restrictions.

One difficulty in DeMaso's approach is the revenue loss to local taxing units, the townships, schools and counties, which are heavily dependent on the property tax for their support. Special assessment districts could also suffer.

Though Milliken has not fully outlined his program, presumably the state's general fund would reimburse the rebate to the local units.

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The meeting point between the two leaders is their agreement that a subsidy of some sort is the inescapable price to stem the bleeding of a major natural resource.

While it always has been our thought that subsidies create more problems than they solve, the tax Band Aid, Milliken's or DeMaso's, might produce some assistance which is needed quickly.

It can provide the time with which to examine the causative features in the farmland drain which are more fundamental than the taxing policy and then to develop a sound, long range solution.

Last year Milliken urged the legislature to adopt a comprehensive, statewide land use plan.

Both locally throughout Michigan and at Lansing the reception was negative. Any zoning presupposes somebody must play second fiddle to someone else. The Governor's presentation in generalized terms raised an equally wide ranging dread among too many people of being left behind in the classification procedure.

There is little disagreement that a forested stretch of ground should be kept in its native state, but most land owners see the Kremlin moving in on Lansing if they are foreclosed on selling or using their property to its greatest economic advantage.

It is absolutely vital to arrest the farmland shrinkage. One need not be a follower of Dr. Malthus to realize the gap between agricultural production and foodstuff consumption is closing rapidly in our country.

Unless the two are kept in balance, the U.S. soon could change from an exporter to an importer of food, thus adding one more stone to an already overburdened economy.

Unlike the energy crunch, however, which Congress in its usual custom seeks to solve by crisis measures, there is some time available to meet the farmland problem with sensible answers.

The tax relief idea has some appeal as an expedient until a better means is developed.

It should not, though, be considered as the final answer.

## Nervous John



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

MAGICIAN MUNSON  
ON TV WEDNESDAY  
— 1 Year Ago —

Usually Clifford Munson, the St. Joseph police department's most safety-conscious magician, drives off to meet his audience. But he takes the audience with him Wednesday for a half-hour blend of magic and safety aired live at 10:40 a.m. local time on "Byline Michiana" program, Channel 28 in Elkhart, Ind.

Munson, 29 and a St. Joseph patrolman since 1966, reports "Byline Michiana" program producers invited him to appear and bring his own audience. He asked for and will get 26 kindergartners from Miss Kathy Kuschel's class at Washington elementary school, St. Joseph. Munson is no stranger to the tube. He's had six or seven appearances, once before on Byline and on programs from

Kalamazoo and South Bend.

GALLEN FARMER WINS  
DAIRY TROPHY  
— 10 Years Ago —

Gallen Dairy Farmer Charles "Ted" Payne was awarded the rotating trophy of the South Berrien Dairy Herd Improvement association here Tuesday for the greatest increase in butterfat production by his herd over the previous year. And another trophy for the herd with the highest butterfat production average in the past year went to Doan and Dean Straub of Galien, almost perennial winners of the honor. Their herd averaged 570 pounds of butterfat and 14,424 pounds of milk for each of the 30 cows.

Other herd owners recognized during the dairy testing association's annual meeting for high butterfat production marks were

Payne; Thomas Lozmack, Three Oaks; Hubert Wright, Galien, and Herman Gnodtke, New Troy. Nick Powers of Buchanan was presented a ribbon award for the highest production average among five owner-sampled herds that are affiliated with the association.

REV. JACOB WIENS  
ANNOUNCES TOPIC  
— 35 Years Ago —

"Building According to the Divine Plan," is the subject on which the Rev. Jacob Wiens will preach in German tomorrow at the Church of God. At the English service in the evening he will speak upon the topic, "The Necessity of the Christian Religion."

German prayer service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and an English service Thursday at that hour.

BANS SMOKING  
— 45 Years Ago —

The order went out from the city hall today for policemen on patrol duty to quit smoking while walking their beats.

ELECT STOCKHOLDERS  
— 55 Years Ago —

The officers and directors of the Union Banking company elected at the meeting of stockholders were: President, J. Ogden Wells; vice president, James Forbes; cashier, Fred W. Tebbe; assistant cashier, Harry Briggs; directors, Arthur Carlton, James Forbes, W.F. Benning, L.L. Wallace, C.W. Stratton, J.O. Wells, F.A. Kelbie, E.C. Davidson, F.W. Tebbe.

RECORD FREAK BETS  
— 65 Years Ago —

Several freak bets have been recorded in the twin cities as follows: Ten dollars even money that we do not have two days of sleighing in the month of January, and \$5 and \$10 bets that we do not have seven consecutive days of sleighing during the winter. Both wagers have been taken.

Michigan's position is in the eastern end of the Central time zone, with only a very narrow strip along the Luna Pier on the south to Sebewaing on the north. This line is roughly 14 miles east of U.S. 23 and only greater Detroit and Pontiac are in the Eastern Time Zone.

It is sad indeed that the bulk of the State of Michigan has to be governed by a narrow strip along the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair.

Harry W. Stegman  
P.O. Box 114  
Breedsville.

P.S. I am a retiree who came to this side of the state on retirement to get away from that strip of Michigan along the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair. They should give that part of Michigan to Ohio — if they would take it.

## EDITOR'S MAILBAG

TAKES ISSUE  
WITH EDITORIAL

Editor,  
I am writing this letter in response to your editorial of January 11.

It seems to me your aim was to publicly belittle and degrade a man who has decided to leave the priesthood for the lay state simply because he has spoken out in defense of a poor black friend of his who is a city commissioner.

Instead you have identified this man, unmistakably, as a political voice in this community who is to be listened to.

Edward Shelkey  
600 Columbus  
Benton Harbor.

MORE PRAISE  
WOULD HELP

Editor,  
In answer to Mrs. Maynard C. Kugel's letter in the January 10th Readers Forum of this newspaper.

I would think more people would be as you say, quick to notice and bring to other people's attention the good whenever they find it.

As you say, they can't all be put in the same category. In fact, if we gave a little more praise than we thought deserving, it could help to change the outlook on life for many who just are starting out on the wrong road, and could cause them to take a second look at themselves and decide it costs no more to be on the good side of the street than on the other, and, could mean a good chance in life they'd never have otherwise.

Mrs. James Williams  
Berrien Center.

NARROW STRIP  
MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Editor,  
I would like to bring to your attention a mistatement in the Friday Jan. 11th edition of this newspaper.

On the front page, under "DST exemption sought" the statement was made that Michigan's position is at the western end of the eastern time

High Court  
To Hear Gas  
Rate Suit

WASHINGTON (AP) — An industry dispute over federal regulations governing natural gas rates in southern Louisiana will be resolved by the Supreme Court.

The court agreed Monday to hear the case which lawyers said could have broad national impact. One-third of domestic gas production is from the area.

The court will hear three challenges to the rate structure imposed in 1971 by the Federal Power Commission.

The challenges were brought by the New York State Public Service Commission, the Mobil Oil Corp. and Municipal Distributors Group, representing some 200 municipal gas systems.

## BANK TURNS AROUND

DETROIT (AP) — Bank of the Commonwealth reported Monday a net income in 1973 of \$1,216,616 following a net loss of \$3,531,566 in 1972.

## Bruce Biossat

Who Knows The  
Real Fuel Score?

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Any American who has listened to or read of his country's economic greatness over the years knows that it has always been expressed largely as a blend of "product" resources and energy resources which allowed power to do the work of many men.

It is, therefore, truly incomprehensible that the United States government did not decades ago develop a long-range energy policy which was at once sweeping in scope and sufficiently flexible to permit constant updating.

Admittedly, in some realms of endeavor, planning always has had a bad name in this country. But this attitude has not generally extended to industries. Without reasonable market projections, firms in many fields most certainly could imperil their future.

But a great nation's future energy requirements, involving a very complex meshing of highly varied resources, are a subject which obviously goes far beyond the private preserve of such an enterprise as, say, the oil industry.

The size of the fuel industry should be enough alone to hammer this home to high government authorities.

As M.I.T.'s professor of nuclear engineering, David J. Rose, observed in his new article in "Scientific American," the procuring, refining, distributing and consuming of fuels account directly for nearly a 10th of this country's economic activity — roughly \$125 billion a year out of a gross national product close to \$1,300 billion.

In dollar terms, that's about equal to the whole of farming, food processing and distribution, activities Rose says we

have "long recognized as requiring intellectual organization" and balance — to the point of providing them with their own full-scale department of government.

Everybody concerned with energy decisions is complaining these days that we are virtually 100 per cent dependent upon the oil industry for data on oil producing and processing, on the extent of proven reserves and estimates of possible additional reserves and estimates of possible additional reserves (which may or may not be enormous).

Yet the federal government has had endless years to develop its own exploratory agencies in oil and other energy fields, and to adopt legislation giving it authority to compel the oil people and all other energy producers to yield up fully the pertinent data needed for an intelligent, balanced, long-range national energy program.

As an example of the damage done by ignorance, scientist Rose points out that few in either federal or industrial decision-making posts gave proper eye to the scarcity of low-sulphur fuels as the polluting higher-sulphur types came under restriction from tough environmental standards. No one, so far as I know, has accurately gauged the cost to U.S. consumers from the inevitably higher prices of low-sulphur products, or from conversions to use of other resources like gas.

Federal agencies charged with developing fossil fuels other than oil (coal, gas, shales, productive of synthetic crude) have been starved for funds. Meantime, notes Rose, the nuclear engineer, "tax funds have been lavished on nuclear reactors."

## Jeffrey Hart

New Speed Limit  
Is A Big Fraud

Like most things handed down from the bureaucratic heights in Washington, the new 55-mile-per-hour speed limit is being accepted by the public with unattractive passivity. It is also being enforced by the highway patrol in a confident, straight-faced way — as if it were not an unmitigated fraud.

First of all, consider the man who used to go, say, 65 miles per hour in connection with his line of work as, say, a salesman. Under the new speed limit it will take him roughly an hour and 28 minutes to cover that same 65 miles.

Suppose he bought that gas at 50 cents per gallon. He would have saved 35 cents worth of gas at the new speed limit; but that saving would have cost him 20 minutes of time. That is to say, his time is implicitly being valued at \$1.05 per hour (35x35 cents).

That is a lot less than the new minimum wage. Frankly, I am accustomed to making more than that, and so is my 15-year-old son.

What the government is doing in effect is to impose a tax on that motorist equal to the difference between \$1.05 per hour and his ordinary wage.

Suppose our motorist normally earns \$10 per hour. That enforced extra 20 minutes is worth \$3.33 to him. He has been taxed involuntarily the sum of \$2.98 on his one-hour trip. But everyone agrees that the price of a gallon of gas would not have to rise — either through increased tax, or ordinary price rise — anywhere near that amount in order to save the necessary amount of fuel.

One other note: the estimates released by the Administration on the actual amount of gasoline saved by the new 55-mile-an-hour speed limit are surrealistic. They assume that all or at least the overwhelming majority of cars travel at speeds well above 55 miles per hour. That is just not so. The average speed of a car driving in Manhattan or some other large city must be something like 1.5 miles per hour. The amount of gas saved on the highways then will be a mere fraction of official estimates.

Surely the responsible officials know all this. Why, then, the nonsense about a 55-mile-an-hour speed limit? Because, I suspect, it creates the impression of doing something, anything, and it gives people the illusion of participating in some sort of solution to the problem — illusory and fraudulent though the whole notion is.

## TO URGE EXAM

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House physician Walter Tkach says he plans to ask President Nixon to make an appointment for a long overdue physical examination.

Oregon Takes The Lead  
Meeting Gasoline Crisis

Oregon has again taken the lead in dealing with the impact of the energy crisis. That state got a leg up on the rest of the nation last summer when, in response to a drought that reduced hydroelectric power, Gov. Tom McCall ordered immediate energy conservation measures. Now McCall and service station owners have agreed on a system to assure all motorists a fair crack at the state's limited gasoline supplies.

Basically, the plan allows motorists to buy gasoline on either even-numbered or odd-numbered days, depending on their license plate numbers. On Saturdays anyone may buy gas, and on Sundays most stations will be closed. Special provision is made for emergency vehicles, salesmen, and so on. It also is agreed — and this should avert much so-called panic buying — that no one may buy additional gas if his tank already is more than half full.

The big question, of course, is whether the system will work. Response to last summer's energy conservation measures gives cause for optimism. Besides, Governor McCall is holding his trump card in reserve: "There will be a mandatory program if this doesn't work." Oregon motorists are on their mettle.

Florida designates the 23-mile hard sand stretch of coast from Ormond Beach to Ponce de Leon Inlet as a state highway but limits traffic to a 10-mile-an-hour crawl. National Geographic says.

Gallstones are found in only one cow in a thousand but are prized by meat packing companies. The collected stones bring hundreds of dollars a pound when sold in the Far East, where they are worn as amulets or used in medicines.

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## HELSEY NEW BH SCHOOLS CHIEF

### Board Promotes Assistant To Succeed Sreboth

Richard F. Helsey, 42, is new superintendent of Benton Harbor Area schools.

Helsey, who has been in the district 18 months as an assistant superintendent, was ap-

pointed superintendent last night by the board of education. He receives a 2½-year contract, pro-rated at \$29,500 for the balance of the current school year, then rising to

\$31,500 in 1974-75, and \$33,500 in 1975-76.

Helsey succeeds Raymond M. Sreboth, who resigned Dec. 6, to become superintendent of the Berrien Intermediate school

district. Sreboth was being paid by Benton Harbor at the rate of \$31,000 annually.

Helsey's salary, as assistant superintendent for instructional services, was \$28,000. His appointment has immediate effect, and he becomes the fourth Benton Harbor superintendent in six years.

Helsey pledged: "We will work to let the people know they happen to live in one of the finest school districts in Michigan."

He also vowed, that with a new management team created by administrative reorganization, there will be efforts to develop bigger and better programs for individualized instruction.

A native of Monroe, Mich., Helsey has a B.A. degree from Michigan State, a master's from University of Michigan and currently is a doctoral candidate at MSU.

He taught, coached football and baseball at Ferndale high school five years; was principal, 1965-68, at Birmingham, Mich., Meadow Lake elementary school when it was rated one of the top 10 elementary schools in the U.S. by three national education journals.

Helsey came to Benton Harbor in July, from Watertown, N.Y., where he had been director of regional planning and research for the New York State Department of Education.

Helsey has been a full professor at University of Detroit, teaching graduate classes in education, and a consultant to various school districts.

He and his wife, Beverlee, have three daughters, Lisa 10, Jill, 7, and Jennifer, 3, with the two oldest in Benton Harbor Area schools. The family lives at 1899 Newman terrace, Fairplain.

In other action Monday, the board:

—Scheduled an election April 8 on renewal of 13.85 in expired operating tax millage.

—Appointed Robert W. Payne, formerly assistant superintendent for personnel, to the new post of assistant deputy superintendent for administrative service; and complimented Payne for being acting superintendent between Sreboth and Helsey.

—Named four administrators to new posts of group directors: Roderick Halstad from high school principal to group director of secondary education; Harry Stephens from director of curriculum to director of secondary education; Edward Troffer from director of buildings and grounds, to director of operations-facilities; Glenn Nienhuis, director of budget and finance to group director business and finance.

The new group directorships entail broader responsibilities than the administrators formerly had but they will continue under the same pay until June 30.

Halstad also will be acting

high school principal until a replacement is named.

The board also named Robert R. Smith, who has been business manager, to the new post of administrative assistant for business service.

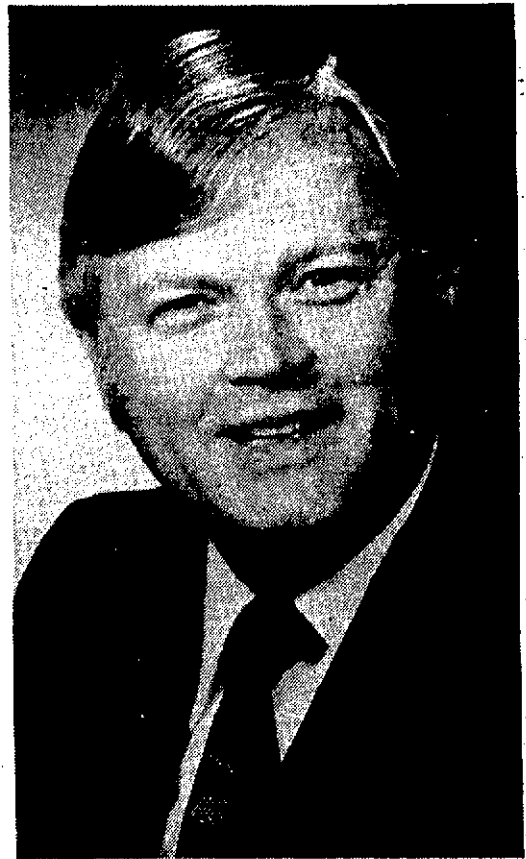
Still to be filled under administrative reorganization are deputy superintendent for instruction, a post similar to the one vacated by Helsey, and three other group directors.

The board also adopted a policy to seek funds and develop programs for academically-

talented children. A special unit for top elementary students was operated several years ago, then discontinued for lack of funds.

Advertising of bids was authorized for 10 new school buses to replace 13 that will be fully depreciated at the end of the school year.

The regular school program budget was revised to \$11,883 million — \$27,000 more than estimated expenditures — to reflect inclusion of a project for court adjudicated students.



RICHARD F. HELSEY  
New BH Superintendent

### BH Board May Poll Parents On School Schedule Change

Benton Harbor board of education expects to meet sometime this week to consider a survey on changing elementary school starting times.

Questionnaires on elementary times were sent home with school children to get parental feelings if elementary grades should start later to avoid daylight saving time darkness.

Results of the survey are being compiled for board consideration.

One parent told the board last night that his children have been late the past 6 days because "I refuse to send a 6-year-old out on North Shore drive," said David Frazer of US-33 North.

Frazer appeared at two previous board meetings to get busing for elementary

children in the North Shore area. He was told that it's district policy to bus only those who live more than a mile and a half from the school they attend.

Frazer said last night he had received a cryptic letter from the former superintendent stating it would cost \$493,397 extra to bus all students in need of transportation. He charged that when he asked for more information E. E. (Bill) Bentley replied it was privileged.

Frazer called this "preposterous" and suggested all busing be disbanded after Trustee Ervin Kampe said it was the responsibility of parents to see that their children got to school.

## Bad Check Artists On The Loose Here

Benton Harbor police reported today three bad check rings appear to be operating in the Twin City area.

Det. Larry Morrow said the operations apparently are separate.

One allegedly involves passing of checks drawn on Farmers & Merchants National bank. Morrow said these are blank checks which were discontinued years ago when printed checking account numbers became mandatory.

Another ring allegedly has passed a number of phony payroll checks. Morrow said the checks are forged to give the appearance of payroll checks from Peterson Building sales, 3415 Hill avenue, St. Joseph.

The third case involves checks stolen from Price's Suncoco station, 889 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor. These checks are numbered 3737 through 3755, Morrow said.

An arrest was made Monday when a man attempted to cash an allegedly worthless check for \$184 at Inter-City bank drive-in, Michigan and Oak, Benton Harbor, Morrow said.

Booked on a charge of uttering and publishing Was Clayton Cloyd, 1022 East Main street, Benton township. Two other men were being sought.

Morrow said the check at Inter-City bank was one of the "counter" checks from F&M.

### BARODA

## Queen Contestant Party Wednesday

BARODA — Girls wishing to enter the Miss Baroda Blossomtime queen pageant may attend a get-acquainted party, Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Edgar Ott residence, Lemon Creek road, according to Mrs. Annabelle Gast, contest chairman.

Contestant application forms will be available at the party which is the final day for submitting applications. Persons seeking directions to the Ott residence can contact Mrs. Gast.

Baroda's queen contest will be held Thursday, Feb. 28 at 8

p.m., in Lakeshore high school's auditorium. Tickets for the contest are \$2 for adults and \$1.25 for children ages 5 through 12. Tickets will be on sale at various Baroda businesses and Lakeshore high school and will also be sold at the door the night of the contest.

Theme for this year's contest is "Happiness Is ... Reminiscing."

A dinner for all contestants has been slated for Thursday, Feb. 14, according to Mrs. Gast, but the place and time has not been finalized as yet.

Assisting Mrs. Gast this year is Mrs. Joanne Argue. Other



MRS. ANNABELLE GAST  
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contest committee members include: Mrs. Millie Feather, publicity; Mrs. Candy Demmon, program; Mrs. Joanne Reifschneider, contestants; Mrs. Joanne Kolberg, decorations; Mrs. Lucille Nitz, gifts; and Mrs. Argue, key to the city tour.

### SJ Schools Millage Vote

## Date Change Is Sought

St. Joseph board of education tonight will ask the district's advisory council for an opinion on holding a millage election May 6.

Superintendent Richard Ziehmer told the school board meeting last night at Jefferson school there are several reasons for holding the election in May instead of the regular election in June.

Dr. Ziehmer will address the citizens advisory council meeting tonight and ask for the council's reaction to the millage election proposal. Ziehmer said at stake is a 4.3 mill operating tax that has expired, recommendations for some "very worthwhile" programs plus reduction of the district's deficit.

The St. Joseph school district had originally hoped to hold the millage election March 18 but the county special election committee rejected the date because it was too close to the St. Joseph city election.

The election early in May it would be possible to conduct a comprehensive informational program in April. He said experience has shown that the June election, held after school is out, is not an ideal time to vote on millage issues.

To meet the May 6 timetable, the board will have to set the election date at its Feb. 11 meeting. The exact amount of millage on the ballot can be declared at the board's March 11 meeting.

In other matters Monday, the board passed a resolution asking that either the governor or the state legislature rescind daylight saving time in Michigan. The resolution was presented by Trustee John who noted that Detroit Edison reported energy savings under DST are one-tenth of one per cent.

The board also supported a suggestion by Ziehmer that planning start immediately to determine if schools should open at later hours next year if

DST continues. St. Joseph elementary schools presently start at 9 a.m.

Ziehmer also recommended surveys to determine how many working families would be affected, and how starting times and bus schedules could be coordinated.

Objections cited to a later start for schools were children being left alone in homes where both parents work, and difficulty in coordinating class schedules.

The board also approved a change in graduation requirements effective next

year. The new requirements will be on a four-year basis, instead of the current three. The new standard will require 21 credit units in grades 9-12, while the present is 15 units in grades 10-12.

Business Manager Dennis Percy announced installation of food preparation equipment has been completed at Lincoln, Washington and Jefferson elementary schools and hot lunches will be started next Monday.

The board approved purchase of \$9,375 in wood and metals shop equipment.

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## SJ Approves Rezoning With An Eye To Future

St. Joseph city commissioners Monday night approved rezoning a lot on the southeast corner of Elm and State streets foreshadowing what may be an eventual extension of the downtown business district.

Prior to their regular meeting, commissioners were also advised that an overpass across Lakeshore drive near Wallace avenue to protect school children from traffic could cost \$55,000. An assessment for 100 benefit users between the 2700 Lakeshore apartments and Lake Lodge was estimated at about \$550 over a 10 year period. The overpass question is expected to be on next week's agenda.

The approval for rezoning from restricted office and multifamily dwelling to central business district allows John Kovian, an accountant, to expand his office building at 612 Elm street without providing additional off-street parking.

Commissioner Warren Gast voted against the rezoning which he said can be just offices and have nothing to do with the central business district. Gast said he was concerned about future use of the entire corner lot rather than the smaller building.

G.W. (Jerry) Hepler, city manager, said the St. Joseph planning commission recommended rezoning because the corner is "compatible and contiguous" to the central business district and is an expansion of what exists in the downtown area.

Gast noted the commission recently approved an ordinance updating off-street parking regulations for developments. The amendment said "thou shalt conform to parking" regulations, but "here we say no rules apply to this plot of ground," Gast said. He

said the rezoning throws the parking load onto the city.

Commissioner Joseph Hanley said "any expansion of the downtown business district has to be" in that direction. Mayor Franklin Smith said this could be the first step toward pushing out of the business district. Both voted for rezoning. Commissioner Lee Selent was absent.

The overpass was suggested last year by parents residing west of Lakeshore drive near Dickinson stadium who said traffic endangered school children. The city asked for a traffic light but was turned down by the state highway department. The residents said busing would only be a partial solution.

Last night, Hepler said a medium steel cage overpass would cost between \$50,000 and \$55,000. A study estimated 100 benefit users in the area and a special assessment would be about \$550. He said he would contact the parents this week with the information.

In other action, the commission approved the low bid of \$8,715 from Gersonde Equipment Company of Benton township for purchase of a truck chassis. The other bid was from Ashley Ford Sales of Benton township at \$10,000.

Commissioners also approved the low bid of \$6,650 by Neils Automotive Service, Inc. of Hartford for purchase of a companion loadpacker. Other bids were from Owen's Body Company of Grand Rapids, \$6,790, and Bell Equipment Company of Troy, \$7,100.

The commission granted a 60 day extension to Peter Crans to bring up to code his home at 1452 Main street.

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The first of possibly several suits to obtain land for new, wider bridge work linking downtown Benton Harbor and St. Joseph was filed Monday in Berrien circuit court.

The state highway commission, through Special Assistant Atty. Gen. Henry Gleiss of St. Joseph, filed suit against Mrs. Lydia Kowderduck of 113 Wayne street, St. Joseph, to obtain her house

and lot in order to replace the existing two-lane bridge over the Morrison channel with a four-lane span on a new alignment.

According to the suit, the condemnation and later construction would improve business loop 1-94 through the Twin Cities.

It is the first suit in connection with new bridge work between the Twin Cities and several more suits may follow. Atty. Gleiss said

Also filed recently in circuit court was a suit by St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co. seeking \$15,260 against Mrs. Crystal Alene Morris of Berrien Springs.

The insurance company claims her car destroyed a cement truck owned by South Haven Redi Mix in a collision last Sept. 4 on US-33 south of Rocky Wood road, Royalton township.

## ROUND 11 FOR BANGOR SCHOOL PLAN

BANGOR — For the 11th time in four years, Bangor school board will offer district voters a school building program in a special election in March or April.

Supt. Howard Beyer reported last night that the program, to

include the construction of a new elementary and middle school, will cost about \$4 million.

District voters defeated a \$3.995 million building proposal in September by a vote of 633 to 447.

In a related item, Beyer reported that the district is eligible for a \$75,000 grant from the state toward the payment of the total principal and interest on the district's debt retirement fund.

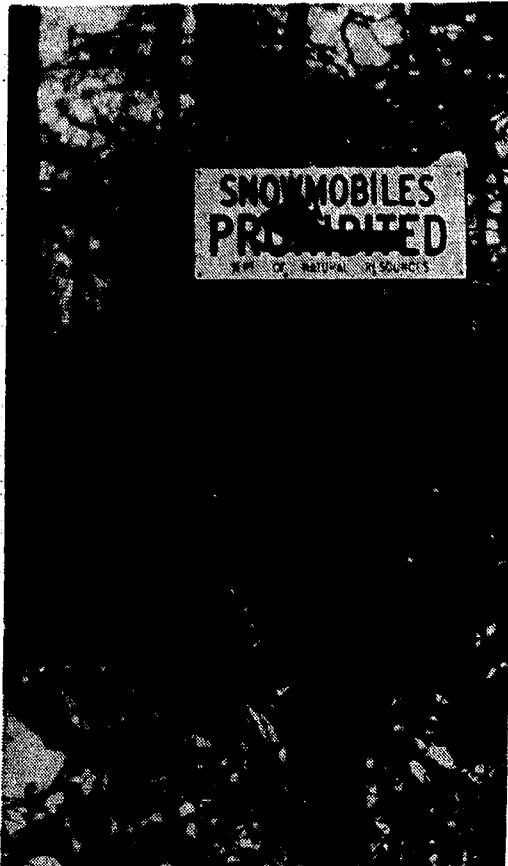
Beyer said that after consulting with Dr. Lloyd Fales, state supervisor of school planning, the district qualifies for the grant under a recent state act.

Beyer reported that only a few schools in the state were eligible for the grant under the program.

In other action, Beyer reported that he was concerned about elementary children having to go to school in the dark due to the

recent nationwide switch to daylight savings time, but that no problems have thus far arisen in connection to the measure. Beyer said that no changes in school starting time are planned at this time.

A citizens committee working for the passage of the building proposal will meet Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 8 p.m. in the high school library.



**SNOWMOBILES BANNED:** Snowmobilers who formerly shunned "no trespassing" signs to ride their machines on privately-owned Grand Mere land near Stevensville will now have to deal with state Department of Natural Resources. DNR purchased in December 383-acre tract to be kept as nature preserve. Signs prohibiting snowmobiling, hunting or trapping on land have been posted. (Walter Booth photo)

## Three New Positions Recommended For Fifth District Court

By BILL RUSH  
Staff Writer

Berrien county's court administrator has recommended three new positions for Fifth District court including a security-receptionist to reduce confusion in the courtroom area and allow judges more time on the bench.

Creation of the new positions is the first formal recommendation made to the county by William H. Evans, Jr. since he became court administrator October 1. The recommendation is expected to come before the Berrien county board of commissioners at their meeting Thursday.

The other two positions proposed for Fifth District court are chief probation officer and a staff probation officer.

Evans told of his proposal for added personnel following his address Monday noon to the Twin Cities Rotary club at the Elks temple in St. Joseph. He outlined the functions of a court administrator for the clubmen.

Evans said the security-receptionist would be responsible "for freeing the time of judges so when they go on the bench they stay there except in unusual situations."

Other duties would include: assisting the public in need of information; intercepting all incoming calls and personnel attempting to reach a judge while he is on the bench or involved in other legal duties; scheduling police officers seeking warrants to be signed; assigning bailiffs to a specific courtroom rather than judge; and keeping all personnel awaiting trial from entering the judge's area.

The recommendation involves closing off the Fifth District judge's chambers from public access and placing the security-receptionist in a room at the corridor entrance.

Qualifications include a college degree or five to eight years in a responsible administrative or secretarial position or both. Recommended starting salary is \$7,059.

Evans said the second position, chief probation officer, is urgently needed if "the county is to reduce or hold the line on jail costs." Recommended salary is \$11,843.

The current caseload for four probation officers in Fifth District court is 905, a 34 per cent increase from June 1973. Evans said "this is a totally unmanageable load and will result in an increased failure rate among probationers unless management is instituted to reduce and equalize the caseload among regular staff and volunteers in probation."

The staff probation officer would help bring the level of cases down to about 100 per probation officer. This is still "well beyond a recommended national load of approximately 40-50," Evans said. Recommended starting salary is

\$10,218.

Since coming the county's first court administrator, Evans has been reviewing operations in Fifth District and circuit court and expects soon to be spending more time in probate and juvenile court. Evans intends to prepare recommendations as he goes along to improve or change court procedures that interfere with the maximum use of personnel and facilities in the courts.



**COURT ADMINISTRATOR:** William H. Evans, Jr. (right), Berrien county court administrator, was featured speaker Monday at the Twin Cities Rotary Club meeting in St. Joseph. Introducing Evans to the club was Atty. Jack Spelman of St. Joseph, a former Berrien county prosecuting attorney. (Staff photo)

## Covert Ponders Wording Of School Bonding Ballot

**COVERT** — Date for the Covert school construction bond issue election was set last night for Monday, March 11, by the school board but just how the package will be presented to school district voters was left unsettled.

Harry Sarno, school board president, said the board is still in disagreement over how the construction proposal will be worded on the ballot.

At its regular December meeting, the board submitted preliminary plans calling for a three-part, \$4,840,000 school construction bond issue package.

The first part was for \$3,035,000 for construction of a middle school, a high school and an addition to the elementary school while the second part was for \$1,150,000 for construction of a gymnasium, an auditorium and a bus garage.

The third part asked for approval to borrow \$655,000 for construction of a swimming pool.

The board announced that a special work session will be held Thursday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. to continue its discussion on just what will be proposed to the voters. A special public meeting of the board will be held at 9 p.m., following the work session, at which time it is hoped a proposal will be announced, according to Sarno.

Sarno said the main disagreement among board members is that some of them feel they are asking the district voters for too much in the preliminary plans.

"Some board members feel that if a few of the proposed construction items are eliminated, the proposition will have a better chance of passing," Sarno said.

He said the board has been hashing out various forms of how to submit the proposal to voters, but has been unable to agree on what should be cut out, or if anything should be changed from the December preliminary plans.

Sarno said the board has been advised by legal counsel that it has until Feb. 11, to come up with an exact proposal.

Deadline for registration for the March 11 election has been set for Friday, Feb. 8, at 5 p.m. All registered district voters are eligible to vote in the election. The polls will be open on March 11, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The board voted to use rented voting machines for the election.

In other action, the board voted against cancelling the use of district school buses for field trips and for spectator use for away athletic contests. However, the board stressed buses should be full and that continued use of spectator buses would save fuel in the long run, because parents would not have to drive their students to away games.

The board approved changes

of certain sections of its operating manual involving its regular meeting agenda. The major change approved, was the moving up on the agenda the public's right to present matters before the board. The public will now be able to address the board following roll call, instead of at the end of the meeting.

The board approved sending all master contracts into the Michigan Association of School Boards for review and recommendation at a total cost of \$90 per year.

Supt. John Kremkow was instructed to advertise for bids on the purchase of stage curtains for the high school. Quality of workmanship and material will be considered over low price, according to the board.

At a special meeting held Jan. 7, the board received two bids for construction of an elementary school kitchen. Low bidder was Wiatrowski General Building contractor of South Haven, at \$17,000. Olson Brothers of South Haven submitted a bid of \$19,506. No decision was made on awarding a contract.

## Hearings On Nonreturnable Containers Being Held

Persons in southwestern Michigan interested in legislation dealing with nonreturnable beverage containers were advised by State Rep. Harry Gast of Lincoln township that a series of hearings are in progress on the topic.

A first hearing was conducted Monday in the Detroit area, and another will be held Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. in the House of Representatives chambers in Lansing. A

third is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 26 in the East Vandenberg room, Pantlind hotel, Grand Rapids.

The hearings are being staged to get public reaction to several House bills that in general would outlaw nonreturnable containers and would require beverage retailers to make provisions for refunding deposits to consumers.

## DECATUR CONTEST

### Queen Candidate Party Wednesday

**DECATUR** — Girls interested in entering the Miss Decatur Blossomtime queen contest may attend a get-acquainted party, Wednesday, Jan. 16, according to Mrs. Emma Jean Stambek, contest chairman.

Entry blanks will be available at the party slated for 7:30 p.m. in the home economics room of

Decatur high school. Entry deadline will be Wednesday, Jan. 23. Girls between the ages of 17 and 21 that reside in the Decatur area are eligible.

This year's contest will be staged Saturday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium, according to Mrs. Stambek. No theme has been selected as yet.

Tickets for the contest are \$1.50 apiece and may be purchased in the near future at various Decatur businesses. Tickets will also be sold at the door the night of the contest.

A luncheon for all queen contestants will be held Sunday,



**MRS. EMMA JEAN STAMBEK**  
Contest chairman

Feb. 23. No time or place has been announced yet, according to Mrs. Stambek.

Assisting Mrs. Stambek this year is Mrs. Carolyn Conklin, Mrs. Phyllis Iliig and Mrs. Pat Goble.

## Bertrand Rezone Hearing Delayed

**BUCHANAN** — A Bertrand township board meeting to consider a rezoning request by Western Electric company has been postponed until 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 22, according to township Supervisor Brayton Yaw.

The meeting at the township hall had been scheduled for tonight. Yaw said the meeting was rescheduled to make it possible for all persons involved to be present.

Western Electric has asked that a 110-acre tract at Chicago road (US-12) at Chamberlain road, about a mile southwest of Niles, be rezoned from agriculture to light industry.

The firm has proposed the construction of a \$5 million materials center and distribution plant on the land formerly owned by James Gillette.

The land must be rezoned before construction can begin.

The township zoning board has already recommended approval of the rezoning request.

## SLAIN IN RAID

**DETROIT (AP)** — A 23-year-old man was shot to death by Detroit police Monday night after investigators said he pointed a rifle at them during a narcotics raid at his home.



**REALTORS INSTALLED:** New officers of Southwestern Michigan Board of Realtors were installed last night at Portofino restaurant, Niles, last night by Robert Carey, Farmington, president, Michigan Association of Realtors. Installed (left to right)

Greg Niles, secretary; Robert Findling, St. Joseph, president; John Neumann, St. Joseph, first vice president; Val Dillman, Bangor, second vice president; and Claude Mann, South Haven, treasurer.



**LEAD WOMEN REALTORS:** Officers of Women's council, Southwestern Michigan Board of Realtors, were installed last night at Portofino restaurant, Niles. Left to right are: Jessie Murdock, Coloma, treasurer; Mary Housand, Berrien Springs, president; Virginia Carlson, Lawton, vice president; and Roma Yops, Stevensville, secretary. (Staff photos)

## Bangor Votes Aid For Recreation

**BANGOR** — Bangor city council last night voted to contribute \$1,000 to the Bangor

Recreation council for area recreation planning.

The recreation council, which requested the money at last month's council meeting, is to receive the funds after July 1.

In other areas, Mayor James McLarty reported that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has ordered the city to install four wells around city sewage lagoons to check lagoon water for contamination. McLarty set the cost of the project at about \$4,000.

McLarty also reported that the DNR told the city to install an evaporation tank at the weather station near the city fire station to check the lagoon for leakage. No estimated cost of the project was given.

Petitions of candidates vying for the office of mayor and three council seats must be submitted to the city clerk no later than Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 4 p.m.

Councilmen whose terms are expiring are Joseph Distefano, Alfred Lindberg, and Harold Latier.